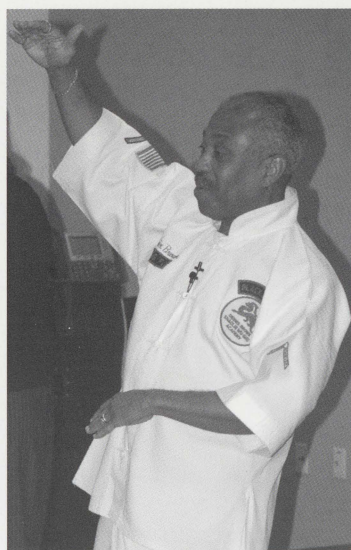


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Dennis Brown prepares to demonstrate Wushu, a sport developed from traditional Chinese martial arts, during a November 19 presentation on campus entitled, "Disciplining the Mind and the Body." Brown has taught Wushu to more than 30,000 students at his three training centers in Maryland and elsewhere. He was recently featured in the TNT television network special, "A Tribute to the Masters of the Martial Arts," produced by Wesley Snipes, and *Black Belt* magazine named him one of the 25 Most Influential Martial Artists of the 20th Century. Brown's presentation, which emphasized the connection of the mental and the physical, was hosted by Gallaudet's Keeping the Promise program.



Kyra Davis and John Krueger are the new vice president and president, respectively, of the Graduate Student Association. The announcement of their election was made by Ryan Odland, chair of GSA's Election Committee, on November 18 during the organization's last Town Hall meeting of the year. A large number of attendees, among them President-Designate Alan Hurwitz, filled the Jordan Student Academic Center's Multimedia Theater to welcome the new officers and take care of year-end business. Krueger and Davis will assume their new roles on the first day of the spring semester.



First Lady-Designate Vicki Hurwitz is pictured at a November 17 DST 402: "Deaf Women's Studies" course taught by Dr. Arlene B. Kelly, chair of the Department of ASL and Deaf Studies. Hurwitz is a scholar of deaf women's studies and taught the course at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. The students in Kelly's class remarked to Hurwitz, who came to the class wearing a purple and gold scarf, that the colors purple, white, and gold symbolized loyalty, purity, and hope in the women's suffrage movement of the early 20th century America. Both Vicki and Dr. Alan Hurwitz, Gallaudet's president-designate, were on campus that week to learn more about the place that will become such a major part of their lives beginning in January.

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Dr. Davila greets KDES students lining the school's main hall on November 17. Clerc Center students surprised Davila with special tributes as he heads toward retirement.

Tributes paid to President Davila and Mrs. Davila

On November 17, President Davila reported to KDES for a meeting, only to discover a surprise waiting for him. Under the guise of "showing him something downstairs," Ed Bosso, dean of the Clerc Center, led Dr. Davila from the Dean's Office in KDES to the main level, where two long lines of students, teachers, and staff awaited the president.

As Davila worked the line on both sides of the corridor, a sea of hands reached out to him for high fives and handshakes. The KDES community then gathered in the auditorium for a tribute honoring Davila's many years of service. He told the students, "This school is very special to me ... you know, I used to be the boss here when I was vice-president of Pre-College Programs.... I love to see how the lives of deaf people are changing and becoming more and more successful." The students gave Davila a poster signed by all of them, which he said he would frame and display in his home.

Following the KDES gathering, Davila was whisked away by MSSD Student Body Government officers Chad Willman and Martha Wolcott for tributes from MSSD students, teachers, and staff. Davila greeted each of the students as they entered MSSD's Theatre Malz for the assembly and told the audience, "There is no place in the world like Kendall Green."

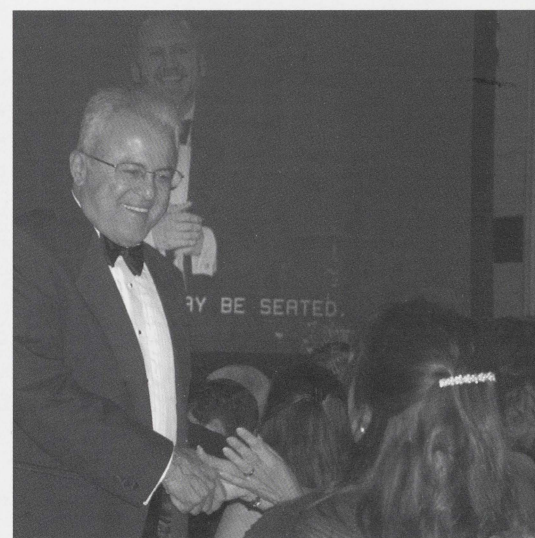
The retirement celebration wrapped up with a reception in the Star Gallery amid posters created by MSSD students featuring a smiling Davila, still in business attire, in various tropical locales and against a background of famous buildings and

landmarks at Gallaudet and in Washington, D.C.

This was the first of several community tributes that recognized Dr. Davila as an exemplary president who in just three years helped transform Gallaudet by uniting the campus community, piloting a plan that regained its academic standing, and putting in motion a strategy for its continued success.

An event honoring Davila and his wife, Donna, was held in the ballroom of the Kellogg Conference Hotel on November 19, hosted by the Student Body Government, the Graduate Student Association, the Faculty Senate, and the Staff Advisory Council. The tribute began

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Dr. Davila shakes hands with guests at the December 5 gala held at Union Station.

Progress on strategic plan continues

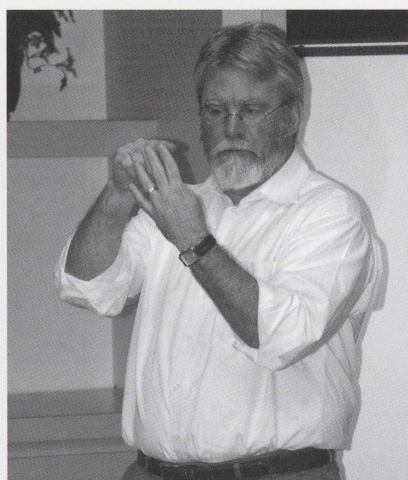
(The Board of Trustees received updates on the strategic plan at a special meeting, attended by President Davila and President-Designate Alan Hurwitz, on December 5. More information about that meeting and the report on the plan will appear in an upcoming issue of On the Green. The following report on Gallaudet's strategic plan was sent by Dr. Richard Lytle to the campus community on November 25.)

Dear Campus Community:

Progress on the Long Range Strategic Plan (LRSP) continues—in the form of small group and department meetings and through work in readiness for the special Board of Trustees meeting...

During the past few weeks, I have been meeting with many departments to give them an update on the LRSP, including the case for change, an overview of the goals and strategies, and the guiding principles approved by the Board. These small group meetings have afforded me the opportunity to engage in good discussions with people during which I have been able to answer questions about the plan and provide information about the next steps for the implementation of the plan. Vice President Paul Kelly and Provost Stephen Weiner have been also making similar

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Dr. Deborah Krichbaum, chair of the Department of Family and Child Studies, and Samuel Weber, an instructor in the department, present on the Summer Assessment Institute project they completed this summer. The November 10 presentation covered their work, which included analyzing spring 2008 data related to the two previously implemented student learning outcomes (SLOs), determining if the department should implement additional SLOs, developing a phased sequence of learning opportunities in the capstone field experience, and establishing departmental benchmarks for SLOs. To learn more about the institute and the other 2009 projects, go to academicquality.gallaudet.edu and click on Assessment of Student Learning, then Summer Assessment Institute.

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with an uplifting film created by Bison TV Productions that depicted a wide array of individuals from the campus community expressing gratitude to Gallaudet's ninth president for all that he has done for the University during his tenure. Then, representatives from each of the hosting groups came forward to talk about the highlights of Dr. Davila's efforts to benefit their specific constituency, and the University overall.

Davila demurred to the praise, saying that it made him "feel like a famous person who changes his clothes in a phone booth." Rejecting that superhero image, Davila gave credit to the great advances the University has made under his leadership to the very people who filled the room. "It was a team job, and every person on campus rose to the occasion. We had to save the University, to reinvent it," he said. Davila then spoke of the important role that Gallaudet has played in his life. "If not for Gallaudet, I might still be picking fruit in California," he said, referring to his childhood in that state, the son of migrant farm workers. "Gallaudet afforded me a perspective on life I didn't know existed," he said.

Davila emphasized his commitment

"to serving our students better than just good but with great enthusiasm." He promised that in retirement he would maintain a balance between leisure pursuits and service to the deaf community. He also gave heartfelt thanks to his wife, saying that she "shares my enthusiasm" about Gallaudet.

The Davilas were presented a parting gift to enjoy in their retirement—a large screen television. "Holy smokes, this is wonderful!" exclaimed Davila. "I was thinking of taking one from House One; I guess now I won't need to!" he quipped, adding that in January the new tenants of the house, Dr. Alan Hurwitz and his wife, Vicki, can enjoy them.

The final formal tribute came December 5, when over 650 members of the Gallaudet community and friends attended a black tie tribute gala in honor of President Davila's retirement at the East Hall in Union Station. Attendees were treated to remarks by award-winning actors Marlee Matlin and Bernard Bragg, and performances by the Gallaudet Dance Company and the Wild Zappers, an all-deaf dance group.

Davila's delight at the tribute to his service was clear as the program came to a close. "This beats anything," Davila said. "It's more than I could ever have imagined." ■



President Davila and Donna Davila open a gift from students, staff, and faculty during a November 19 farewell tribute to Gallaudet's first couple. The gift was a large flat panel TV. To see a video encapsulating the event, go to video.gallaudet.edu/CampusTributeDavila.xml.



Bison Roundup

Men's basketball wins Holiday Tournament, women's team takes second place

The Bison men's basketball team won the Holiday Tournament on November 29, defeating Maryland Bible College, 95-86, in the championship game. Senior guard Johnny Jackson was named most valuable player (MVP), averaging 23 points, five assists, and 4.5 rebounds per game during the two-day tournament, held at the Field House. Sophomore guards Tony Tatum and Brandon McMillan joined Jackson on the all-tournament team, which featured one player from each of the four participating teams, plus one extra for the winning team and an MVP. The men's team defeated Penn State-York, 87-81, on the first day of the tournament.

Gallaudet's women's basketball finished second in the Holiday Tournament, losing to Penn State-Altoona, 81-66, in the championship game. Freshman Shaquana McDonough was selected to the all-tournament team for the Buff and Blue. Gallaudet got the tournament started with a solid 76-38 victory over Penn State-York, with junior Easter Faafiti netting 26 points and 10 rebounds in the win.

Both Bison basketball teams will host home games on December 12 and 19 before the Holiday Break.

Bottoms named Gallaudet softball interim head coach

The Department of Athletics is proud to announce that Kitty Bottoms will be softball interim head coach. "I am confident in coach Bottoms and what she can bring to our softball program," said Athletics Director Michael Weinstock. "She will help build up our players' mental and physical toughness as we embark on the 2010 season. Her experience as a Bison player and assistant coach is valuable to our student-athletes."

Bottoms has spent the past four years on the Gallaudet softball coaching staff as an assistant under former head coach Sarah Doleac, who retired this past summer after 25 years at the helm. Bottoms is a 2005 graduate of Gallaudet, where she majored in physical education. The Chesterfield, Va., native played four years on the Bison softball team. She was named team MVP in 2003 and 2005, and was also selected for the Coach's Award in 2004.

"I am very excited to start this new position at Gallaudet," said Bottoms. "I have been around the program for the past eight years as a player and coach. I know I have the experience to help build this program and challenge myself in this role." She added, "One thing I learned from Coach Doleac that I will apply to this year's team is patience."

Goldstein elevated to interim head football coach

Football offensive coordinator Chuck Goldstein has been elevated to the position of interim head football coach after

the resignation of Ed Hottle, who is leaving Gallaudet to take a position at Stevenson University. Gallaudet will prepare a search for the 36th head coach in the program's 116-year history.

"We intend to keep moving the football program along, upwards to new goals while not making drastic changes to the strong foundation already established here," said Weinstock. "We have a strong group of student-athletes that just completed a fantastic season. Our future is bright!"

Hottle compiled a 27-20 record in five seasons at the helm at Gallaudet, and tied for third in the University's history for coaching wins. This year he led the Bison to a 6-4 record in the first season as a member of the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference (ECFC), where Gallaudet finished in a tie for second-place with a 4-2 mark. This was the first time since 1930 that the team achieved a winning overall record in a season where it went up against all varsity teams. ■

Campus Calendar

For the most up-to-date listing of campus events, go to: calendar.gallaudet.edu.

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What do you look forward to doing over winter break?



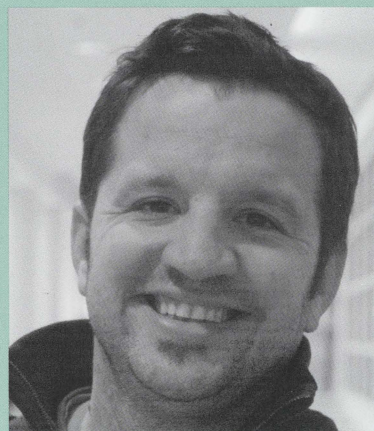
Going to Vermont and Montreal. I'm going to snowboard with my friends.

Holly Sharer, undergraduate student



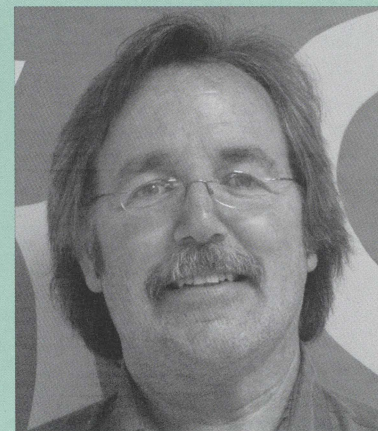
Even though it's cold, I'll be working in my yard pruning and shifting around plants. Also, my two daughters and I will follow our custom of visiting the Smithsonian museums.

Iva Williams, secretary, Bison Shop



I'm visiting my father in Rochester [N.Y.] and dosing up on snow and home cooking.

Ethan Sinnott, assistant professor, Theatre Arts



I look forward to getting ready for the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge fundraiser for the Special Olympics, which will happen in late January at Sandy Point Beach [Md.].

Steven Doleac, recreation specialist, Clerc Center

Strategic Plan

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visits to departments to engage the community in small group dialogues about the LRSP. These meetings have been invaluable and we look forward to having more of them.

The Board has asked for a report on four areas of the LRSP:

1. Targets for both undergraduate and graduate recruitment for fall 2010 and progress towards these targets
2. Detailed description of FY 2010 LRSP priorities and funding, as well as projections for FY 2011 and FY 2012
3. A process for conducting a program prioritization of academic departments to support the needs of our students and to address the changing world of work
4. A report on the work force analysis (benchmarking project)

Dr. Hurwitz has already begun look-

ing at ways to broaden the community's understanding of why Gallaudet must change and to increase the opportunities for faculty and staff participation in the implementation process. ...When Dr. Hurwitz was on campus having many important meetings with administrators, faculty, staff, and students, he also had meetings to learn more about the work being done on the LRSP. He is committed to the LRSP, the process, and ensuring that the entire community has opportunities for input and involvement.

In the coming weeks we will re-design the strategic plan website and officially change the name of the planning process from LRSP to the more appropriate, Gallaudet University Strategic Plan. Please feel free to contact me about setting up individual, department, or small group meetings to talk more about the strategic plan. ...

Sincerely,
Richard R. Lytle
Executive Director, Office of Strategic Planning
Special Assistant to the President

Ask Cousin Sally

Dear Cousin Sally,

I am a staff member who frequents the Field House weight room. So naturally I took notice when the fees went up. It now costs \$100 for the semester! I enjoy the convenience to the gym facilities on campus, but that just seems like a lot. Why the big increase? I paid up, but I'm not sure if I want to keep doing that every fall and spring.

Paying Up for My Perks

Dear PUMP,

First of all, I want to say good for you for staying in shape. Since I retired from the farm, the most exercise I get is lifting my daily Orange Julius in one hand and the TV remote in the other—and occasionally standing up to cheer or jeer an episode of "The Real Farm Wives of Loudoun County." Boy, have I seen the flab take over!

Now secondly, after reading your email, I took a break from the tube the other day and strolled over to the Field House. Even a couch potato au gratin like me could see that everything is shiny and new. I learned that all the dumbbells and machine gizmos you're lifting and pushing are not only new, but need maintenance. That's where the cost comes in, as the Athletics Department staff will tell you.

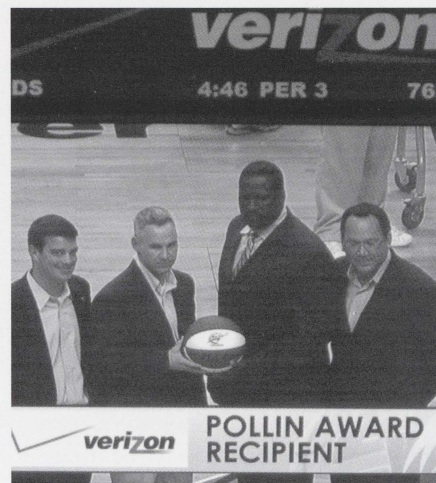
So you're getting a little something more, PUMP. With upkeep to boot. I hope now you'll feel better about paying tad extra to keep yourself toned and healthy. I'd come by to cheer you on for sucking it up, but I'm too busy sitting at home sucking it in.

—Sally

Cousin Sally is a retired dairy farmer who now serves as On the Green's advice columnist. She takes questions at cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu.

Clerc Center Happenings

MSSD Athletic Director Mark Burke receives Pollin Coaching Award



Mark Burke (second from left) is honored with a Pollin Award in center court at halftime during the Wizards vs. 76ers basketball game on November 24.

By Susan M. Flanigan

Coaching is Mark Burke's passion. As MSSD's athletic director, he thinks of the school's student-athletes as his extended family. Burke has been successfully building teams with well-rounded student-athletes who strive for excellence in both athletics and academics.

Burke was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the youth sports community with the prestigious Pollin Award, given jointly by the Washington Wizards and the nonprofit organization Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA). He received the award center court during halftime at the Washington Wizards vs. Philadelphia 76ers game on November 24 at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C.

The Pollin Award, named for longtime Washington Wizards owner Abe Pollin, who passed away the same day

Burke received his award, was created to honor individuals who show outstanding dedication to their community. This year, the Washington Wizards teamed up with PCA to honor Washington, D.C., metropolitan coaches. PCA's mission is to "transform youth sports so sports can transform youth." PCA has operated in the Washington, D.C., area since 2001, having a positive impact on tens of thousands of local youths.

"It was surreal to receive my award on the floor in front of thousands of fans. That was when I realized its magnitude," said Burke. "Abe Pollin has made a huge impact in the community, and with his passing I want to continue making an impact he has."

MSSD students come from across the nation, most with no prior organized sports experience, including 18 out of 26 players on this year's football team. Along with building athletic skills, Burke develops well-rounded student-athletes through positive coaching and emphasis on academics. As athletic director, Burke helps his coaches advance their skills, expands options for students, and involves MSSD student-athletes in community service.

In 2008, his first year as head football coach at MSSD, Burke led his team to the Capital Area Football Conference championship. He also introduced rugby to MSSD. The Model 7s rugby team recently defeated Hyde Leadership Public Charter School, 22-17, at the 13th Annual Ambassador's Shield Rugby Match sponsored by the New Zealand Embassy.

Congratulations to Mark Burke for being recognized for all his hard work with this great honor! ■

Among Ourselves

Dr. Francis Duffy, a professor in the Department of Administration and Supervision, was invited last month to make a presentation to the Core Stewardship Team of the Transformational Dialogue for Public Education (TDPE) in Ohio. The TDPE is composed of high-level policymakers and thought-leaders in Ohio. The purpose of Duffy's presentation was to share an overview of a methodology for transforming school systems that he co-created with Dr. Charles Reigeluth of Indiana University, who also participated in this presentation. The TDPE is considering adopting the Duffy-Reigeluth transformational change methodology to transform selected school systems throughout the state. This methodology, which is called the School System Transformation Protocol, is also taught to professionals from schools for deaf students in the Burstein Leadership Institute-Department of Administration and Supervision Education Specialist Program in Change Leadership.

A Lens on Deaf Identities, a book by **Dr. Irene Leigh**, chair of the Department of Psychology, was reviewed in *PsycCRITIQUES*, a weekly online publication of the American Psychological Association that offers reviews of the latest books in the field of psychology.



Dr. Christine Katsapis receives her Gatzke Dissertation Award from Abour Cherif.

Dr. Christine Katsapis received a Donald A. Gatzke Dissertation Award from Abour Cherif, president of the American Association of University Administrators, at a November 6 ceremony in Arlington, Va., to honor Gatzke award recipients. Katsapis received the award, which recognizes excellence in dissertations related to higher education, for her dissertation, "Incidence and Types of Occupational Stress Among University Research Administrators." In addition, an article by Katsapis based on her dissertation was accepted by *Research Management Review*, the peer reviewed journal of the National Council of University Research Administrators, for its next issue.

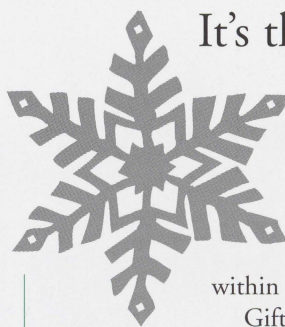
Katsapis was awarded her Ph.D. in education in December 2008 from American University, School of Education, Teaching, and Health.

Dr. Judy Harkins, a professor in the Department of Communication Studies and director of the Technology Access Program, was honored by the Alliance for Public Technology (APT) with its Susan G. Hadden Pioneer award at a November 19 reception. Harkins' award was presented by former Powrie V. Doctor Chair Karen Peltz Strauss. The award recognized Harkins' "efforts to advance telecommunications access for people who are deaf and hard of hearing and ensuring access to advanced telecommunications services and technologies by all people with disabilities," while "earning the universal respect of both industry and consumers." The APT was established in 1989 with the goal of extending broadband technology throughout society. This year, APT changed its mission to focus on adoption of broadband for pressing societal needs such as health and equitable education, and has become the National Broadband Resource Center. The other recipients of this year's Hadden award were the Honorable James E. Clyburn (D-S.C.) and Mark Lloyd, chief diversity officer at the Federal Communications Commission.

Dr. MJ Bienvenu, a professor in the Department of ASL and Deaf Studies, recently garnered the attention of two Utah newspapers—*The Salt Lake Tribune* and *Desert News*—for her keynote address at a November 7 conference on video relay held in Salt Lake City by Sorenson Communications. Her presentation called for improved training and support for ASL interpreters.

Dr. Roxanne Hughes-Wheatland, a student in the Master of Arts in International Development program, completed her required practicum for her additional graduate degree at the nonprofit organization Partners of the Americas (POA). POA has a history of supporting programs for people with disabilities in Latin America and the Caribbean. During her practicum, Hughes-Wheatland conducted a study of POA's disability-related programs and documented the information in a database that the organization can now use to monitor the programs' outcomes. She presented the results of her research November 21 at the Higher Education and International Volunteer Service Conference in Washington, D.C.

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'Through Deaf Eyes' reaches international audiences

International presentations of the *Through Deaf Eyes* documentary produced by WETA public broadcasting station of Washington, D.C., and Florentine Films/Hott Productions, in association with Gallaudet University, continue to reach new audiences.

Recently, U.S. embassies in Ecuador, Myanmar, and Lithuania hosted screening events as part of the American Documentary Showcase, a major touring initiative featuring prestigious U.S. documentaries. The showcase was launched by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and curated by the University Film and Video Association, in partnership with the International Documentary Association.

Film director Lawrence Hott and editor Diane Garey traveled to Ecuador in May to present *Through Deaf Eyes* as well as other documentaries they have produced. In Quito, two film screenings, the first being primarily for students, and the latter for adults, drew more than 150 deaf audience members. The Ecuadorian Deaf Club promoted the events on their website vlog.

Six screenings of *Through Deaf Eyes* in Lithuania in September have been added to a long and ever-growing list of international events. Jūratė Butkutė of the U.S. Embassy there reported "a phenomenal reaction" when the film was screened in the cities of Vilnius, Kaunas, Panevezys, and Klaipėda. "The interest shown by the Associations of the Deaf people, and a Society of the Deaf Children's Parents and a few other societies has been immense," Butkutė said, adding that *Through Deaf Eyes* was one of the showcase films that, "...brought

together different communities in a significant way and inspired discussions."

In Myanmar, a screening was held for students and staff at the Mary Chapman School in Yangon. Documentary Showcase representative and founder and executive director of Living Earth Television Martha Foster shared her thoughts on the event, saying, "The screening at the Mary Chapman School was astounding. In some ways, it was challenging, since the film was presented for all the assembled students, some of whom are quite young, as well as the teachers and staff. But it was one of the most memorable experiences of the trip."

A member of the teaching staff interpreted and, because of the age of the students, the film was stopped at intervals to give the children an opportunity to ask questions. The school didn't have a large screen and projector, so several hundred students, sitting on the auditorium floor, huddled together to watch a television set on the stage.

"This is a proven example of the impact a single well researched and factually accurate film can have on lives around the world," said Dr. Joseph Innes, dean of the College of Professional Studies and Outreach. "The documented response to recent screenings in Ecuador, Myanmar, and Lithuania demonstrate the widespread desire for greater understanding of the Deaf experience, no matter where we live."

Additional international screenings this year included the AbilityFest in Chennai, India in October and the Dublin Deaf Association in Ireland in June. ■

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